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House to vote on bill to restrict off-reservation gaming

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A major vote is being called tomorrow on a bill that would restrict the ability of tribes to acquire land for casinos.

Rep. Richard Pombo (R-California) announced on Monday that H.R.4893 will be up for debate. Dubbed the Restricting Indian Gaming to Homelands of Tribes (RIGHT) Act, the measure blocks certain off-reservation casino proposals and tightens the criteria for others.

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2006/015860.asp>

Mediation offered to cultivate and strengthen traditional ways

By Roxana Colman-Herak, DHRD

The Department of Human Resource Development (DHRD) recently changed Department Heads and amidst the changes, DHRD staff would like to extend their appreciation, gratitude and support to Teresa Wall-McDonald whose daily presence will be missed by all. They would like to welcome and extend their support to Arlene Templar who is officially DHRD's Social Service Department Head. There will no doubt be challenges and obstacles ahead and as a department, we are looking at ways to improve and better address and serve the growing needs of families here.

<http://www.charkoosta.com/06sept06/mediation.html>

Excerpts from, Memory and Imagination: The Legacy of Maidu Indian Artist Frank Day

by Rebecca Dobkins

After decades of federal policy aimed at removing or destroying Indian communities in the path of western settlement, the federal government turned to education and property ownership as a means of assimilating Indian people. Schooling was designed to inculcate the "uncivilized" Indians with the ideas of individualism, capitalism, and self-reliance and to incorporate them into the American politic as full citizens. These were the times into which Frank Day was born.

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Life expectancy sags on S.D. reservations

By Chet Brokaw, Associated Press Writer

A study that found American Indians living in southwestern South Dakota have the nation's lowest life expectancy shows the need to continue efforts to improve health care on reservations, health officials said Monday. The national research study, led by Dr. Christopher Murray of the Harvard School of Public Health, reported that six counties that include Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Rosebud Indian Reservation have the lowest life expectancy in the nation. People in that area can expect to live 66.6 years, well short of the 79 years for low-income rural white people in the Northern Plains.

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